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1. WEEKEND NOV 24-25, DR J.M. BUIDO, PRESIDENT OF HINDRONOR, TOGETHER WITH ENGINEERS BESSE AND GAIDIMASKAS, WHO CONSTITUTE THE REMAINDER OF THE EXECUTIVE/POLICY COMMITTEE, ANNOUNCED THEIR RESIGNATIONS.

2. DR GUIDO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE TUESDAY, NOV 27, STATING HE HAD RESIGNED BECAUSE: (A) HE HAD BEEN ASKED, WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION, TO DISMISS ENGINEER GAIDIMASKAS; (B) MINISTER OF ECONOMY HAD FAILED TO GIVE PROPER ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS AND PLANS OF HIDRONOR; AND (C) MIN ECON OFFICIALS HAD REFUSED TO PLACE HIDRONOR'S FUTURE PROJECT AT ALICURA (AN EXPANSION OF THE CHOCON COMPLEX) BEFORE WORLD BANK FOR POSSIBLE FINANCING. ON NOV 28, PRESS CARRIED ACCOUNT OF MINISTER GELBARD'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING GUIDO STATEMENT WHEREIN GELBARD ALLEGEDLY STATED: "GUIDO NEVER ASKED TO SEE ME NOR DID HE PRESENT TO MY OFFICE THE REQUESTS HE STATES WERE REFUSED."

3. ABOVE EXCHANGE TENDS TO BEAR OUT VERSION GIVEN EMBASSY, AND REPORTED REFTTEL, CONCERNING OFFICIALLY BACKED EFFORT FORCE

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GUIDO AND OTHER MEMBERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OUT FROM MANAGEMENT

HIDRONOR. AS YET, THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF APPOINTMENTS
BY GOA TO FILL POSITIONS VACATED BY GUIDO, BESSE, GAIDIMASKAS.
WE REPEAT, WHEN CONVENIENT, PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY CONCERNING
REACTION IN WORLD BANK.
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